

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR FUNDING OF ELEVEN COUNTY SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify submission of grant applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding totaling \$2,111,427 for eleven county Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) projects as follows:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Funding Request</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| • Milpas Drive | Apple Valley | \$ 416,007 |
| • Vista Road | Helendale | \$ 65,520 |
| • Lake Drive | Crestline | \$ 72,000 |
| • Poplar Avenue Alternative 3 | Fontana | \$ 117,000 |
| • Poplar Avenue Alternative 2 | Fontana | \$ 234,900 |
| • Poplar Avenue Alternative 1 | Fontana | \$ 434,700 |
| • Lynwood Avenue | San Bernardino | \$ 207,000 |
| • Howard Street | Montclair | \$ 153,000 |
| • Benson Avenue | Montclair | \$ 422,100 |
| • Monterey Avenue | San Bernardino | \$ 207,900 |
| • Pine Street | San Bernardino | \$ 133,200 |
| | | \$2,111,427 |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Senate Bill 10 (SB10) provides for the use of Federal Transportation funds administered by Caltrans, for construction of projects including bicycle lanes and projects for pedestrian safety. This program (SR2S) encourages efforts to enable students to safely walk or bicycle to and from school and to reduce the potential for injuries and fatalities by making those routes safe. Counties and Cities throughout California compete for available funding. Selection for funding depends on the ability of the participants to develop a comprehensive and unified approach to improving the safety of pedestrian/bicycle routes to and from schools. Funding available for the SR2S Call for Projects is estimated at \$20 million per year. The maximum Federal reimbursement amount per project is \$500,000. The Department staff is proposing a submittal of eleven applications with support from Helendale School District, Apple Valley Unified School District, Fontana Unified School District, Rim of the World Unified School District, Ontario-Montclair School District, San Bernardino Unified School District and local divisions of the California Highway Patrol.

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If the County projects compete successfully, 90 percent of these estimated County project costs will be reimbursable through the SR2S program. Approval of the grant applications requires a minimum of ten percent local match funding. The deadline to submit the projects to Caltrans is May 30, 2003.

Submittal of projects will not guarantee allocation of funds. Should any or all projects compete successfully, separate item(s) will be presented to the Board for approval to enter into a funding agreement with Caltrans. A list of the eleven proposed SR2S projects is attached.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico on May 6, 2003 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on May 10, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost of these eleven projects is estimated at \$2,346,030, SR2S funds would finance \$2,111,427 of this cost. The remaining local match component of \$234,603 would be paid out of the Department's Road Operations Fund (SAA-TRA-TRA).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906